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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 23, 1999

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At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE980138

Ex Parte: In the matter of
requiring reports and actions
related to independent system
operators, regional power
exchanges and retail access
pilot programs

ORDER GRANTING DISCONTINUANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On March 20, 1998, the Commission entered an Order in this docket requiring utilities to provide the Commission with information to assist its investigation into independent system operators ("ISOs") and regional power exchanges ("RPXs"). Among other things, this Order required Virginia utilities to file monthly reports detailing their ongoing plans and activities with regard to establishing ISOs.

On July 8, 1999, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") filed a motion requesting that the Commission discontinue the requirement that all Virginia utilities file the above-mentioned monthly reports. In support of its motion, Virginia Power states that the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act ("the Act"), §§ 56-576 et seq. of the Code of

Virginia, requires incumbent electric utilities to join or establish regional transmission entities by January 1, 2001, and to transfer ownership or control of their transmission facilities to such an entity. In accordance with the Act, the Commission opened Case No. PUE990349 establishing an investigation and inviting comments regarding the Commission's authority and utilities' obligations relating to the establishment and implementation of regional transmission entities. A number of parties filed comments in that docket.

Virginia Power also points out that it and American Electric Power - Virginia participated in filing an application with FERC on June 3, 1999, to establish the Alliance Regional Transmission Organization and that Kentucky Utilities and Allegheny Power have been involved with the Midwest ISO, conditionally approved by FERC on September 16, 1998. Virginia Power asserts that, based on these events, the filing of monthly reports in this docket is no longer of assistance to the Commission and that any information the Commission may want to know can be found in other federal and state proceedings.

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission has represented that it has no objection to Virginia Power's request.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of Virginia Power's request, the reasons therefore, and the applicable law, and hearing no

objection from Commission Staff, the Commission finds that Virginia Power's request to discontinue the filing of monthly reports in this docket should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The filing of monthly reports in this docket hereby is discontinued.

(2) This matter is continued generally.